

November Newsletter 2016

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GOODBYE

Sorry you are leaving

Gillian Stewart, who works in afterschool and the 3-5 departments, will be leaving us on Thursday 3/11/16.

Gillian has another job closer to home and has decided to leave us at the Barnehage.

Welcome

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Tamryn Muir who has recently joined our team in the 2-3 room. Tamryn has recently had experience in the 2-3 room in her previous nursery and has joined us with lots of knowledge and ideas.

We would also like to welcome back Stephanie who left us very briefly last month, but has since returned to her previous playroom. We are pleased to have Stephanie back in our team.

Parents Night

It's that time of the year again where we like to invite you in to chat with your child's key worker about your child's progress and development.

The staff will issue time allocations for 10 minutes with your child's key worker, to look over your child's care plan and learning journal.

Please speak to your child's key worker for dates and times

Jackets and Coats

As the weather is turning colder and the wintery weather is approaching us, please can we remind parents to provide the children with adequate outdoor clothing? The staff and the children still use our outdoor play areas all year round and we can continue to promote our ethos of being and learning outdoors.

Date for your Diary

Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December 3.30-5.30pm in nursery

Christmas Nativity 3-5 year olds Friday 9^{th} December 2016 1.30-2.30pm at Hill house Earnock Community Tickets available from the office £1.00 per person

- 4-5 Christmas Trip to Magical winter wonderland@ M&D's 12th December 2016 bus leaves at 9.30am
- 3-4 Christmas Trip to Magical winter wonderland@ M&D's 15th December 2016 bus leaves 10.30

Nursery Christmas Party Friday 16th December 2016 Whole Nursery 10.00 am-11.00 am Parents are expected to stay if your child is not in this session.

Nursery Closes Friday 23rd December 2016 at 6.00pm

Nursery re opens Wednesday 4th January 2017



Children in need



Please see the notices around the nursery advertising the activities being carried out by the students.

The activities will be listed on a flyer and handed out to you all. The students from university West of Scotland have set up these activities and we hope parents can make a small donation to help to raise some money for this charity.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to all of the children and their families, who all made an amazing effort to join in the fun Halloween disco.









Staff Training

Selina and the staff will be working with the recently released self evaluation document for How good is our early learning and childcare. The staff will be looking at their practice and the service we offer and thinking about looking inwards, outwards and moving the service forward. Parents will also get the apportunity to participate in some tasks as well.

Policy of the month

Our policy of the month is displayed on the main front door. Our policies for parents can be found on the small table displayed outside the office.

The policy this month is <u>Child Behaviour</u>, If you would like a copy please see Selina in the office for a printed version.

Term Dates

Term dates and partnership only holidays

In service Day	Monday 21st November 2016	Tuesday 22 nd November 2016
Christmas Break	Friday 16 th December 2016	Monday 9th January 2017
February Break	Friday 10 th , Monday 13 th , Tuesday 14 th	Thursday 16 th February 2017
	& Wednesday 15 th February 2017	
Easter Holidays/ Spring Break	Friday 31st March 2017	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1st May 2017	Tuesday 2 nd 2017
In service day	Thursday 4 th May 2017	Friday 5 th May 2017
Local Holiday	Friday 26 th May 2017	Tuesday 30 th May 2017
Summer Break	Friday 27 th June 2017 AM session only	******

Fluoride varnishing revisit

The fluoride varnishing team from child smile will be revisiting the nursery to catch up with the children who were absent previously at their last visit.

The team will be in on Wednesday 30th November 2016 from 9.45 and will Fluoride Varnish the children who missed the last session.

Staff Appraisals and Parental Involvement

We are introducing a new format for all staff to have a 360° approach to their feedback. Parents, staff colleagues and children will all contribute to the information gathering and feedback at the time of staff appraisal. Please feel free to comment on these forms when they are handed to you. Please note your comments are valuable to us and all information will be handled in the strictest of confidentiality.



Care Plan Updates

Most of you will have parents evening scheduled over the next few weeks and the girls will give you a parent's chat and also ask you to check your child's care plan to see if all contact details are correct and up to date.